

I am opposed to the potential merger of AT&T and T-mobile. I was a former AT&T customer and moved to T-mobile for multiple reasons. With T-mobile I have:

A lower priced calling, texting and data plan.

More high speed data network coverage.

A policy conducive to more innovation in handset hardware, phone operating systems and phone applications .

A merger between AT&T and T-mobile will effectively eliminate competition in the GSM technology space in the United States. Many consumers prefer this technology because it permits extensive international travel with the same phone. The merger will leave us with a marketplace where two mobile carriers (Verizon and AT&T) will control nearly 80% of all mobile phone consumers in the United States. With three companies (including Sprint) controlling 93% of the mobile phone market in the United States, the merger will stifle options in handsets, features and applications. Additionally the merging of the two companies' assets, will undoubtedly cost thousands of American jobs.

I believe of particular interest is the overwhelming opposition of T-mobile customers to the potential merger. See:

T-mobile's Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/TMobile>

T-mobile's internal customer forums ('Community' section)

<http://forums.t-mobile.com/>

Consumer Union

[http://www.consumersunion.org/pub/core\\_telecom\\_and\\_utilities/017542.html](http://www.consumersunion.org/pub/core_telecom_and_utilities/017542.html)

Fiercewireless.com

<http://www.fiercewireless.com/story/will-regulators-approve-attt-mobile-usa-deal/2011-03-21>

GigaOm

<http://gigaom.com/2011/03/20/in-att-t-mobile-merger-everybody-loses/>

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